

impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him. May his memory be eternal.

HONORING CHIEF WAYNE PAYNE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Wayne H. Payne's accomplished career and outstanding service to law enforcement in the State of Mississippi.

Chief Wayne Payne is a native and lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He graduated from Gulfport High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1991. Chief Payne and his wife, Paula, have been married since 1974 and have two sons, Wayne and Joey, both law enforcement officers. They also are blessed with three grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Kimberly and, Haily.

Chief Payne is an accomplished public servant and Law Enforcement Executive with nearly 50 years of public service. In 1976, Chief Payne transitioned from his position as a firefighter for the Gulfport Fire Department to the Gulfport Police Department, where he started as a patrol officer and quickly rose through the ranks. Notably, Chief Payne has served as the Chief of Police for the City of Long Beach, the Major of Operations for the Gulfport Police Department, and the Chief of Police for the City of Gulfport.

Chief Payne served a total of 30 years with the City of Gulfport before retiring in 2004. After his initial retirement, Chief Payne decided to continue his public service as the Major of Operations for the Harrison County Sheriff's Department.

In 2007, Chief Payne was selected as the first Chief of Police for the City of D'Iberville Police Department. As D'Iberville's first Chief of Police, Chief Payne has utilized his years of professional expertise and experience to build out his department and guide the next generation of police officers who serve and protect the State of Mississippi.

The City of D'Iberville's Police Department motto is "Serving our citizens with Dignity, Honor, and Integrity" and there is no doubt that Chief Payne has exemplified this saying throughout his many years of dedicated service.

Chief Payne is among many brave Mississippians who understood the risks of the profession, and still chose to serve our communities as law enforcement officers. The sacrifices that Chief Payne and his family have made over the years have not gone unnoticed. On behalf of Mississippi's fourth congressional district, as his Congressman I thank him and his family for their immense sacrifice and his service.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2022 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2022 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

On January 15, 1993, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance which formally established the Prince William County Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS had formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. After an exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and public hearings, the study found that many residents of Prince William County felt that the county needed a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it in order to ensure that every resident is treated fairly.

The Human Rights Commission seeks to eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity for all persons within the county through advocacy and education. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County. The Commission receives and investigates complaints filed by any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to include in the Record the recipients of the 2022 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards:

Carried to Full Term; Frank Washington and the Coalition to Save Historic Thoroughfare; Prince William County Police Department; Tummy Yum Yum; Yaqub Zargarpur; Omicron Zeta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2022 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. These honorees dedicate themselves to the residents of Prince William County and through their work, they make sure that all residents, including the most vulnerable in our society, are being looked out for. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

LAILANI AQUIRRE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lailani Aquirre for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lailani Aquirre is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lailani Aquirre is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lailani Aquirre for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING LORENZO FLORES OF BRIDGEPORT ON HIS VICTORY IN THE MLB JUNIOR HOME RUN DERBY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lorenzo Flores of Bridgeport, Connecticut on his victory in the MLB Junior Home Run Derby on November 1, 2021. The MLB Junior Home Run Derby is a free homerun hitting contest that allows young athletes from all over the world to practice skill and sportsmanship while competing for a chance to play in the MLB Little League World Series (LLWS). Over 40,000 players entered the competition last year, only 16 of whom qualified for the LLWS—Lorenzo Flores was one of those 16. He advanced through three levels of rigorous competition to clinch the title of 12U New England region champion and earn himself a trip to the Little League World Series.

Lorenzo's victory is well earned: he began playing baseball at the age of four and has excelled in both school and sport for the past eight years with the love and support of his family and community. A student at John Winthrop Elementary School in Bridgeport, Lorenzo plays for Bridgeport North End Little League and is a big fan of the New York Yankees. He possesses a strong work ethic and unshakeable passion that children and adults alike can aspire to. I am proud to represent a young man like Lorenzo.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Lorenzo on this immense accomplishment.